



## St. Edward the Martyr Roman Catholic Church December 2, 2018

### MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

Monday—Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Reconciliation: Saturday 4:30 p.m.—5:00 p.m.  
or by appointment

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### God is with us and Within us....



Advent is a gift. A time of behold the wonders of this expectant time of year. Embracing the themes of hope, joy and preparation we hear God clearer in his message of love and salvation in the birth of his son.

Advent invites us to slow down and enjoy the hope and miracle that each day of life brings us. Instead of overeating on carbs we really don't need, we fill our deepest emptiness with God.

Honoring this time reminds us of the lessons in waiting, the joy in anticipation, the priceless of hope.

Advent is a time of waiting and hoping, of renewing our trust in God's merciful love and care, and of reflecting on the several comings (advents), of Christ into our lives. Besides his

first coming at his birth, we are asked to reflect on Christ's coming as the risen Lord at Easter, in the Sacraments (especially the Eucharist), in our everyday lives, at the moment of death, and at the end of human history (the second coming). The word Advent comes from the Latin 'advenio', which literally means "come to." During this Advent season we should consider "coming to" Christ by "abounding in love... for all," instead waiting for Christ to come to us. Just as we ended the previous liturgical season with an apocalyptic description of the end of the world we begin the new season of Advent with similar apocalyptic warnings. The Church invites us to join a pilgrimage of Faith by showing us a prophetic vision of Christ's first coming (advent), through the prophecy of Jeremiah with a prophetic vision of Christ in his glorious Second Coming through the Gospel selection from Luke, and by reminding us of his daily coming into our lives here and now through the second reading. She also reminds us that these are days of "joyful and prayerful anticipation of Jesus' coming" because the Advent season is intended to fill us with great expectations of the coming of the Messiah just as parents expectantly wait for the birth of their child and make preparations for receiving the child into their family. We know that all valuable things in life – a healthy child, a loving marriage relationship, a work of art, a scientific discovery – need a period of quiet incubation.

# News You Can Use

- \* Religious Education Classes this Sunday Dec 2 10:15 - 11:30
- \* A second collection will be held next weekend for religious retirement fund, please consider contributing. Envelopes are located in the pew
- \* Sunday 12/9 – 9am Mass (celebrated by Bishop Cary)
- \* the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Wednesday, **December 12 – 6:00pm** – *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:30pm – Mass* – followed by a Celebration in the Parish Hall



Dec 11th	Tuesday	Prineville
Dec 13th	Thursday	Redmond
Dec 14th	Friday	La Pine
Dec 17th	Monday	Madras
Dec 18th	Tuesday	Bend
Dec 20th	Thursday	Sisters

## Little Blue Books

For your daily Advent reflection are in the hall. Please be sure to pick yours up today! Advent begins this Sunday December 2. The glossy Blue Books are in Spanish.

## Nov 25, 2018

### Attendance: Vigil 88 / Sunday 115

Date	Weekly Offertory	Weekly Needed	Difference
Nov 4	\$3539	\$3000	\$539
Nov. 11	\$2889	\$3000	\$(110)
Nov. 18	\$2999	\$3000	\$(1)
Nov. 25	\$2806	\$3000	\$(194)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9:00 am Mass	8:00 Mass	8:00 am Mass	8:00 am Mass	8:00 am Mass	8:00 am Mass	Feast of the Immaculate Conception <b>9am Mass</b>
Pro Populo	For Christopher Lowell Wood†	For Bradley Wyatt King	For Joshua Reuter	For Vern Heiman Family Thanksgiving	Feast of the Immaculate Conception	5:30 p.m. Mass:
	Office 9:00 a.m.– noon	Office 9:00 a.m.– noon <small>All Bulletin items must be submitted. craigmay@ykw.net</small>	6:30 p.m.: Practice for Sunday Choir	Office 9:00 a.m.– noon	<b>Vigil Mass 5:30pm</b>	

### RE Schedule for 2018

Classes will be held on **Dec 2, Dec 9** from 10:15-11:30 and **Dec 16** with Father Joseph 10:15- 12:15 this is for RE students and parents.

*If you are a visitor to our parish Welcome!  
Thank you for joining us this weekend! Please be  
sure to take time to enjoy St. Winefride's Garden.*



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will be held next  
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December 8 & 9  
envelopes are in the pew

# Retirement Fund for Religious

**Please give to those who have given a lifetime.**

**To donate:**

National Religious Retirement Office  
3211 Fourth Street NE  
Washington DC 20017-1194

*Make check payable to Retirement Fund for Religious.*

Or give at your local parish.

**retiredreligious.org**

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**Another very successful St. Winefride's Guild Holiday Craft Faire** is in the books. Thank you to all who made this event possible – its quite the undertaking to make this event a success and once again, our goal was accomplished! We did it! Many thanks to those who donated treasures to Grandma's Attic, moved tables and chairs, tagged items, decorated and set up the hall on Wednesday, the vendors, the patrons, the elves who put the hall back together again when it was all over. A very special Thank You to Fr. Joseph for being such an active part of the weekend.

This note of thanks would not be complete without expressing our gratitude to the masterminds of this wonderful parish tradition...thank you to our own Laura Berning and Mary Richards. Thank you does not seem like enough for all you do for St. Edward the Martyr and St. Winefride's Garden.

**Do you have information for our Parish?  
Contribute to our bulletin.**

The bulletin needs your help. If you have any information that you think is important for our parish, please pass it along to [craigmay@ykwcc.net](mailto:craigmay@ykwcc.net)

K-5 Catholic Education




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**You Can Help Your Marriage** - Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on January 18-20 2019 call 1-503-225-9191 or visit [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org)

In this season of gift-giving, help improve a life by giving a donation to help a survivor of Human Trafficking. US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking.

VISIT: [sistersagainstrafficking.org](http://sistersagainstrafficking.org)



**MARRIED COUPLES**

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.”

Take time for your marriage by attending the Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend on January 25th - 27th in Astoria, Oregon. For additional dates and locations go to our website [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org)

### Parish Office

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### Parish Staff

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### Bookkeeper and Administrative Assistant:

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### Parish Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday  
9:00am to 12:00pm and as always by appointment.

Confessions by appointment

### Church & Garden website:

[www.stedwardsisters.org](http://www.stedwardsisters.org)

### Diocese website:

[www.dioceseofbaker.org](http://www.dioceseofbaker.org)

### Catholic Bishops website:

[www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

### Bulletin Administrator

Craig May - [craigmay@ykwc.net](mailto:craigmay@ykwc.net)

Infant Baptism: Parents and godparents are required to take a preparation class. Please contact the parish office.

RCIA and Adult Confirmation: Adults and children are always welcome to learn more about the Catholic Church and prepare for full initiation. Call the parish office to learn more.

Marriage Preparation: At least six months in advance couples must arrange for pre-marriage instruction before setting the desired date. Contact the parish office for more information.

Communion to the Sick: Contact the parish office if you or a loved one is unable to attend Mass but wishes to receive Holy Communion.

Anointing of the Sick: Celebrate this healing sacrament before your scheduled surgery or hospital stay. Call the parish office.

Catholics, Come Home: If you or someone you know has been away from the Church and isn't sure how to come back, please contact the parish office.

Funeral Services: Please call the parish office at 541-549-9391.

Vocations: If you are interested in the priesthood or the religious life, please call Fr. Joseph Thomas

Saturday Music: If you are interested in being a part of this liturgical ministry, please call Anne Seile at 541-549-5702.

Sunday Music: Please join us for rehearsal every Wednesday at 6:30pm in the church, or speak with a choir member after Mass.

Send all bulletin announcements by Tuesday noon one week preceding the requested Sunday to [stedward@bendbroadband.com](mailto:stedward@bendbroadband.com).

### **Celebrate with FORMED Daily Reflections!**

Formed "the Netflix for Catholics" Register at [FORMED.ORG](http://FORMED.ORG) - Parishioner code: **VCHERN**  
Unlimited access to the best ebooks, talks and videos in the church today.

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